GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Data of Private Travel Agents
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data available regarding the private travel agents working in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
(c) whether the Government has any control over the functioning of these agents; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. However, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India grants recognition/approval to Travel Agents/Tour Operator/Adventure Tour Operator/ Tourist Transport Operator and Domestic Tour Operator to encourage quality standard and service and to promote tourism in India and abroad. This is a voluntary scheme open to all bonafide agents/operators in the country. At present there are 162 recognized private travel agents working in the country. The State-wise details of these recognized travel agent is given in the Annexure.

(c) and (d): No, Madam. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India regulates all the recognized private travel agents as per the approved guideline.
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